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Mr. Mike Spence
Tosco Corporation
1600 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Tosco Corporation
Experimental Shaft
Sec. 2, T.9&10S. R.21&22E.
Uintah County, Utah

ACT/047/001

Dear Mike:

This letter is to inform you that the Division hereby issues tentative approval to the Mining and Reclamation Plan submitted by Tosco Corporation for its experimental shaft which will be used to extract oil shale on the above mentioned location.

On November 5, 1978, the enclosed Order to Show Cause will be published as required by the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act. Thirty days subsequent to the last date of publishing, if no objections of substance are received by the Division, the plan will be considered for final approval pending the posting of adequate surety for the reclamation.

It the meantime to expedite the approval process, would you submit to the Division, Tosco's estimate of reclamation costs. Per the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan, surety will be based in part on this estimate.

I apologize for the delay in publishing tentative approval for this project, it was caused by our negligence. I hope we can expedite the approval process from this point forward.

Very truly yours,

Ronald W. Daniels
RONALD W. DANIELS
COORDINATOR OF MINED
LAND DEVELOPMENT

RWD/sp
cc: John Blake
Glen Vayter
enc: Order to Show Cause